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## Democratic Ticket

For Congressman 7th District,  
CHAS. F. CLYNE

## PUBLIC SPEAKING DATES.

Chas. F. Clyne, the nominee for Congress in this district, will be and speak at the following places on the dates and at the time mentioned below:

May 2, Saturday afternoon Wellington.  
" 4, Monday afternoon Sterling.  
" 5, Monday night Lyons.  
" 6, Tuesday night La Crosse.  
" 6, Wednesday afternoon Dighton.  
" 6, Wednesday night Scott City.  
" 7, Thursday night Ness City.  
" 8, Friday night Hoisington.  
" 9, Saturday afternoon Gt. Bend.  
" 9, Saturday night Ellinwood.  
" 11, Monday afternoon Greenburg.  
" 12, Tuesday night Pratt.  
" 13, Wednesday night Kingman.  
" 14, Thursday afternoon Garden Plain.  
" 14, Thursday night St. Marks.  
" 15, Friday night Wichita.  
" 16, Saturday afternoon Mt. Hope.  
" 16, Saturday night Andale.  
" 18, Monday afternoon Harper.  
" 18, Monday night Anthony.  
" 19, Tuesday night Hutchinson.  
" 20, Wednesday night Ashland.  
" 21, Thursday night Goldwater.  
" 22, Friday afternoon Lake City.  
" 23, Saturday afternoon Medicine Lodge.  
" 25, Monday Stafford county.

It seems as though even the associated press was owned body, soul, and breeches by the republican party. If a republican politician smiles, it is duly recorded in the dispatches.

DAVID OVERMYER says "God hath given the Kansas democrat the boon of resignation," and God has opened the eyesight enough for them to again make a fight for the supremacy of the principles that Jefferson, Jackson and Bryan fought for, and the principles that Clyne will fight for if elected to congress.—Hutchinson Herald.

THE Hutchinson News is using about a column every day in its daily issue, trying to show that Judge Babb snubbed the Democratic congressional convention, even going so far as to say that he did not give their proposal the dignity of a reply. If the News man would confine himself to the truth in a matter of this kind, he would not be making misstatements. Still, that isn't the kind of politics he believes in.

ACCORDING to the usual order of events, an European war is about due, and in fact is here—on paper. Russia and Japan are making faces at each other over China, and England is indulging in her usual bombast about what she will do if Russia is not good. If we mistake not the signs, this latest war flurry will end in Russia doing just about as she pleases in China, while commercial Christendom hangs around like a lot of hungry buzzards watching for pickings.

THERE are people who expect that Great Bend will be forever ruined by the policy announced by Mayor Weirauch. While there are others who believe that the new mayor is going to purge the town of all evil, purify the atmosphere and make us all feel like we were having a perpetual Methodist Sunday School. The extremists on both sides will be disappointed—the advocates of the mayor's policy more than the other fellows. Wait until you see how the thing works before you condemn it. The wheels may be turning an entirely different way from what you think.

J. T. Stevens made a trip to Mount Scott, Ind. Ty. this week.

The Epworth League gave an ice cream social last Friday evening at the home of Miss Blanche Nickocks. The evening was much enjoyed by the young people who attended.

See notice of the meeting of County Commissioners as a board of Equalization, on June 1st. If you are not satisfied with the way you are assessed for taxation, then is the time to bring the matter before the Board.

C. A. Hooper and wife, W. J. McGreevey and wife, and Mrs. Ellen Coughlin went over to Hoisington, Tuesday evening, to attend a surprise party tendered to Henry Wildgen and wife, the occasion being their 29th wedding anniversary. A large number of guests were in attendance, and an exceedingly good time was enjoyed by all.

## Sunday School Convention.

The Thirty-eighth State Sunday School Convention, will occur at Parsons, May 12-14.

The railroads offer a rate of one fare plus fifty cents for the round trip. Entertainment in selected homes at not to exceed a dollar a day.

Each Sunday School in the state is entitled to delegates and should send at least one.

Mr. Marion Lawrence, and Dr. B. B. Tyler, International officers will be in attendance.

Col. Robert Cowden, of Dayton, Ohio, and L. D. Allen, of Pierce City, Missouri, will also be present.

Prof. E. O. Excell of Chicago, will conduct the music.

Choice Kansas speakers in addition to these will provide the program. Informal conferences will be numerous.

No better Sunday School bill of fare has ever been offered to the state.

For programs or additional information address,

J. H. ENGLE, General Secretary  
Abilene, Kansas.

## A Pleasing Surprise.

Last Thursday evening Mrs. E. C. Davis planned a pleasant surprise for County Superintendent, C. R. Aldrich by entertaining a few of his friends at her home on South Main Street.

When Mr. Aldrich returned home about nine o'clock he was greeted by each guest who expressed great delight in being privileged to help celebrate his twenty-first birthday.

Those present were: Misses Florence Poole, Okie Robinson, Pearl Emley, Clara Johnson, Beulah Bain, Ella Day, Messrs Dr. McPherson, Sydney Morrison, Isa Johnson, Dr. Robinson, Will Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Flavius Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mcullen, Mr. and Mrs. Rasor, and Mr. and Mrs. Mel Harrison and Mrs. Renick of Denver, Colorado.

## Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank the many kind friends and neighbors, and especially the Odd Fellows and Rebeccas for their kind assistance during the illness and death of our husband and father. We also wish to thank all the friends who sent the beautiful floral tributes.

MRS. THOMAS MOORE AND CHILDREN

There is moisture galore. On Tuesday afternoon, the 28th, a dashing rain soaked everything in good shape; then that night the rain came down more or less all night, and on Wednesday afternoon a wet, soggy snow fell, making in all, for the two days, a fall of near 14 inches of water. The old saying of "Thunder in January, snow in May" did not miss coming true but a day. If warm weather now follows the rain and snow of this week will be worth many thousands of dollars to the wheat growers.

The committee having in hand the raising of funds to complete the deal for the jail site, performed their duty in a remarkably short time, and are deserving of great credit for the work performed. They were very much surprised at the refusal of some of the local merchants to contribute, which sting however was removed by the cordial and willing manner in which others donated, and liberally at that.

Patronize your home merchant. He lives here, pays taxes here, is a part of our community, shares with us our troubles and tribulations and stands ready at all times to lend a helping hand for the upbuilding of our town and community. Treat him right and he will do likewise by you. Let us dwell together in harmony, each striving for the advancement of his neighbor.

Monday was a regular howler for wind and dust. Tuesday and Wednesday night a soaking rain, and Wednesday it snowed. We can supply all brands of weather in Kansas, but most frequently the Italian brand.

Flora A. Smith will leave next Monday for Pittsburg, Kansas, where she goes to represent the local lodge at the state convention of the Degree of Honor.

Katie Murphy stopped on her way home from Missouri in Topeka to visit the family of F. T. Belt. She is expected home Saturday.

The residence of Mr. Clancy in the west end is nearing completion and will be a very nice addition to our town.

The item seems to have picked Mr. Weirauch's appointees for him. That was one guess we did not get in on.

W. R. Bunting had a small accident recently, from the effects of which he walks with a cane.

We are here for business. Come in and see us.

## OUT OF TOWN

Newsy Notes from  
Surrounding Towns  
and Neighborhoods

### District 17.

Following is the report of District 17, for month ending April 24th.

Number pupils enrolled..... 15  
Average attendance..... 14

Those not absent during the month: Anna Bird, Frank Campbell, Clarence Seeber, Harry Bird, Elmer Bird, Marcia Seeber, John Brunnemeyer. Anna and Elmer Bird were not absent during the entire term.

John Brunnemeyer will begin working for Mr. Bird next week.

School closed Tuesday with a dinner, and program in the afternoon.

Mrs. A. J. Henry of Hoisington visited her sister Mrs. Dave Martin, last week.

Dave Martin returned last week from his place southwest of Larned, where he has been working on a well for about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Seeber of Great Bend, visited at F. C. Seeber's last Sunday. They also went to Albert to see their daughter, Mrs. Frank Butler.

### Hoisington

From The Dispatch.

Mrs. Kline's house, south of E. E. Boxwell's, is nearly completed.

Jack Pilkington is having his house in the west part of town remodeled.

T. C. Cork received a telegram Wednesday morning announcing the death of his mother at Marshall, Ill.

J. B. McCauley and family arrived from Osage City Tuesday night. Mrs. McCauley will open up a millinery store here.

The Barton County Fair Association are going to begin work on the fair earlier than ever before. Premium lists will be printed next month.

The building of the new school house is at a standstill yet as no satisfactory plans have been furnished within the limit of the appropriation.

Several of the best railroad boys have been suspended within the last week on account of disobeying rules. Some of them will probably be reinstated.

The band has arranged to give a grand concert and social at the opera house on Friday evening, May 1st. A fine Eastman Kodak will be given as a prize to the young lady selling the greatest number of tickets. The price of admission will be 25 cents to band concert and social.

### Little Cheyenne Valley.

Wheat is just looking splendid in this locality.

Professor Hal. Stickney passed through the Valley last week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Gory went to Olinitz to church last Sunday.

A. B. Names and family were visiting with Underwood's on the 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Lewis, of Alva, Oklahoma, were in this locality last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Boyle were visiting H. Boyle and family last Sunday.

F. M. Hall and sons are repairing their pasture fence by putting in stone posts.

Antone Rief passed through the Valley on the 26th, looking for some stray calves.

Cattle are not showing up in flesh very fast on account of the shortness of the grass.

The correspondent of district 72 is up in Beaver township trying to catch a beaver.

Uncle Pat Connelly is smiling; he says his twin calves can't be beat, they are dandies.

M. E. Ford was in Hoisington last Saturday evening, visiting with the V. M. C. A. people.

John and Fred Dundas shipped 3 car load of fat cattle the first of the week to Kansas City.

P. H. Gory kept his cattle on his wheat until the 25th, on account of the shortness of the grass.

S. Gano has repaired and straightened his fences around his ranch in this locality, making the section lines look much better.

Thomas Pearson has been very busy for the last two weeks planting corn. Tom is planting more corn than all the rest of the Valley put together.

FOR SALE—One 22-horse Straw Burner Advance Engine and 40-64 Advance Separator, has run 60 days. Also one 16-horse Advance Straw Burner Engine and 40-64 Case Separator, run 1 1/2 seasons. On reasonable terms.  
M. DAILEY.

House for rent. J. F. Hess

### Ellinwood.

From The Leader.

A boy baby was born to Mrs. Lillie Howard of this city, a week ago last Saturday morning.

Just two months and harvest will commence. What will the harvest be? Read the answer in the clouds the next six weeks.

Mrs. Frank Baer has returned from Wisconsin and Mr. Baer and family have gone to housekeeping in the property he bought last year from Wm. Muhlhausen.

Louis Herman left Thursday evening for his home in Denver. In his two years residence here, Mr. Herman has made many warm friends who regret to see him leave.

Chas. F. Clyne, democratic nominee for congressman, will speak in Ellinwood Saturday evening, May 9. All voters, regardless of party, are invited to come out and hear him.

The new Mayor of Great Bend, elected on the "dry" issue, has issued a warning notice to the jointists and bootleggers of that town, to quit business by May 1, or be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. The notice is so plainly worded that even he who runs may read. That's what the town voted for and it seems that's what they are going to get. The experiment of trying to absolutely stop the illicit sale of liquor where the sentiment is so equally divided on that question as in Great Bend, will be watched with interest.

### District 72

Still the wind blows.

Austin Lowry finished listing corn last week.

Miss Mabel Gage took examination last Friday.

Fred Hall visited with Jim Lowry last Sunday.

Mr. H. W. Ford has a new tin roof on his barn.

Jas. Drake and family visited at Galatia the 19th.

Mr. E. P. Gage made a trip to the county seat Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Allen visited Pa Drake last Sunday.

Elmer Davis expects to work for G. W. Ford this summer.

Mrs. D. A. Lewis left for her home in Oklahoma last Monday.

Jas. Varah of Galatia was seen in the valley the other evening.

Another new buggy has put its appearance in the neighborhood.

Sam Lewis of Dorrance took dinner with F. M. Hall's one day last week.

Mr. J. C. Lowry and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson last week.

A few of the boys called on John and Tom Pearson one evening last week.

Elmer Davis and his chum attended meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday P. M.

A large number of the people in this community will attend the Bible school convention at Calvary next Sunday.

A certain person took a ride in the moon last Sunday. It was a new moon and wasn't made of green cheese either.

Mrs. H. W. Ford had a carpet-rag sewing last Wednesday. A large crowd was there and an enjoyable time was had.

### Clafin.

From The Clarion.

Mildred Jackson while playing one day last week, fell off a pile of old ties, and broke her arm.

Gerry Limbocker, manager of the Clafin Creamery, has been laid up the past two weeks with a very painful felon on his finger.

Geo. O'Brien has sold out his butcher shop to Mr. Looney, and at present the business is closed, which leaves Clafin without such a business.

Arrangements have been completed for a big May party to take place on Sunday May 3rd, as an opener for the 1903 season of J. S. Dalziel's Celebrated Summer Resort.

Roy Evans is nursing a very sore arm, the results of getting mixed up with a windmill one day this week. He got caught in the gearing and the flesh on the arm was badly lacerated, but no bones were broken.

Under the head of "Fair Warning" Mayor Weirauch of Great Bend has published a notice to the wet goods dealers, that on May 1st, he will prosecute all offenders, and also that he will prosecute for perjury all those who in the course of events, may swear falsely. The business men and the men who pay the city's taxes are

in favor of letting matters run as they have heretofore, and continue to improve the city; but the Mayor with the big name, will proceed to put out the lights and stop other city accommodations or force the people to go down in their pockets and pay the bills. It will be a good thing for the neighboring towns but a little hard on the business men of the county metropolis.

W. R. Frakes of Illinois is here on a visit with his nephew, F. M. Campbell.

E. H. Rader, who has been in Indiana the past year, has returned to Sunnys Kansas.

J. A. Barth and son Leon are here from Kansas City on a short visit with old friends.

### Pawnee Rock.

There was a dance at K. P. hall last week.

Jacob Wadle is improving slowly, after a long sick spell.

There was a surprise party on Miss Sallie Wise on the 29th.

A surprise party at W. S. McDugal's last Thursday night.

McBee was over to Macksville on the 27th, for a load of kaffir corn seed.

Mr. McBee sold two horses last Friday for a driving team, to John Goatley.

T. O. Hartshorn and family are visiting on this side of the river for a few days.

William Myers and family, of Macksville, passed through here on their way to Hoisington on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed French, of the south side, were visiting on the north side today the 28th.

District No. 27 had a dinner the last day of school. It was a surprise on Miss Berta Archer, the teacher.

A protracted meeting will commence at the M. E. church, at Pawnee Rock, on Sunday night, May 3d. Everybody is invited.

A ball game at Pawnee Rock between the west side and the east; the score stood 10 to 17 in favor of the east. Another game was played on April the 30th.

It is raining hard tonight, the 28th. It was needed badly; the wheat is badly buried in places; the farmers faces began to look so long the barber wanted 15 cents for a shave, but the rain shortened them. It is strange how quick their faces will expand and contract in so short a time. But it is the case, just the same.

April 30, 1903.

The fruit is all nipped in the bud.

The Dundee school closes today, Miss Lipphardt, teacher.

Miss Dale's school, north of town, closes this week.

Base ball today. East side vs west side. Should it happen that the grounds can not be used this afternoon, the game will probably be pulled off tomorrow.

Several persons have been working at the cemetery this week, cleaning up and improving its appearance generally. Decoration day is near.

The boys are talking of organizing a band with Bert Bowman as leader. It's a good thing, give it a push.

Bert Bowman's new house begins to loom up nicely. Bert says as soon as his house and foot cease to demand so much attention he will be able to play ball with the boys again.

The old floor in the post office has been treated by doctors Frey, Logan and Gary. It was necessary to amputate the old floor and supply a new one in its place.

Clarence O'Neal, formerly of this place, but now teaching at Otis, was in town Saturday to attend the teachers' association. He reports it one of the best formal associations he ever attended.

Little damage was done by the wind storm Tuesday night but the houses of Arthur Miller and Fred Smith were struck by lightning. Mrs. Smith and a child of Arthur Miller were slightly shocked, but nothing serious is reported except that Fred Smith thought that it made a hole in the top of his head, but he says it is all right now.

The Pawnee Rock schools closed Tuesday, April 28. School continued up to noon, on the above mentioned day and at that hour all passed to the upper room where an elaborate dinner having been prepared, was spread on 4 nicely arranged tables. After the feast several baskets full were taken up and those who partook were 10 score of school children and 50 visitors and they went on their way rejoicing.

The South West District Teachers' Association was held at Pawnee Rock on last Saturday and was a decided success. It was held at 2 p. m. in the Methodist church and a large and

appreciative audience listened to the following

### PROGRAM:

Invocation.....	Rev. Williams
Music.....	Dr. O'Hing
Paper.....	Edna Gary
Recitation.....	Leora Williams
Exercise.....	4th and 5th Grade Pupils
Recitation.....	Jessie Brewer
Song.....	4th and 5th Grade Pupils
Paper.....	Miss Bierbauer
Vocal Duet.....	Misses Morris and Cooper
Paper.....	Wm. Bruce
Address.....	Rev. Williams
Paper.....	Mr. Mathewson
Composition.....	Ruthie Gary
Duet.....	Misses Morris and Bloom
Recitation.....	Edna Lewis
Violin Solo.....	Golda McDougal

## EDUCATIONAL

CONDUCTED BY SUPT. C. R. ALDRICH

A short time ago a request was made that this question be answered in this column: What officers constitute the executive department of Kansas?

The executive department consists of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Attorney General, and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Last Friday Miss Minnie Elliott closed a very successful term of school in Dist. 71. The patrons of the district very fittingly showed their appreciation of the teacher's work, assembled at the school house at noon and from baskets of good things to eat, filled three tables that extended the full length of the house. With the congenial company and the hearty good will that prevailed the afternoon passed all too quickly. Miss Elliott is an enthusiastic teacher and the people of Dist. 71 know it.

The Recent legislature in changing the date of the annual school meeting to the third Thursday in June evidently forgot to make other needed changes to conform with the change. The Commissioners do not meet as a board of equalization until the first Monday in June and this will hardly give the County Clerk time, to make up the valuations for the several districts. As the time of payment of the last half of the taxes extends to June 20 and as the school meeting is held on the 18 the County Treasurer can not notify the District Treasurers of the amount of funds due their districts. It is now a matter of guesswork with the school officers as to what tax levy will meet their need.

V. S. Musil was an Ellinwood caller Tuesday.

E. R. Moses was at Hoisington Tuesday.

F. Vernon Russell was in Clafin on business last Tuesday.

Louis Zutavern transacted business at Ellinwood last Tuesday.

J. Geo. Brinkman was out of town on business last Tuesday.

Dave Murphy was over from Hoisington Tuesday, just as saucy as ever.

Lizzie Wildgen came over from Hoisington last Sunday, on a visit to friends.

If the cool weather continues the coal man will have the laugh on the ice man.

Do you want a piano or organ? Hooper has 'em and sells 'em cheap. Do not buy until you investigate.

Henry Weirauch was this week presented a handsome gold watch, by his parents.

Abe Goodwin, the right honorable mayor of Hoisington, has the branch run for a few days.

There will be a special meeting of the W. O. W. next Saturday evening for the initiation of candidates.

County Superintendent Aldrich made a short trip to Oklahoma, this week, going down Friday evening.

Wenn die leute etwas gedrukt haben wollen in deutsch, sollen sie hier anfragen. Wir können es schnell und gut thun.

A full attendance at the Degree of Honor Friday evening is desired. There will be candidates initiated, after which a lunch will be served.

Chas. Christoph, who has been in the restaurant business at Ellinwood for several years, expects to open a first class restaurant in this city in a few days.

Charley Patton is doing some fine decorating at the Lundblade & Bolinger Store. He is finishing the walls in alabastine and arranging Roman vista decorations over the shelving that sets the rooms off in elegant shape.